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APPLICANT'S DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.131

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231-0001

Dear Assistant Commissioner:

I, Kevin J. Cote, declare as follows:

1. I am an inventor of the subject matter described and claimed in United States Patent Application Serial No. 09/878,815, filed June 11, 2001, entitled "Structure And Method For Fabrication Of A Leadless Chip Carrier"; the subject matter is disclosed and claimed in the above-referenced patent application. The present application is a continuation-in-part of, and claims priority from, pending application Serial No. 09/713,834, filed November 15, 2000, which is in turn a continuation of Serial No. 09/252,851, filed February 17, 1999 and issued as patent number 6,191,477.

2. I declare that I conceived and reduced to practice the invention of the subject matter of the above-referenced application in the United States, as defined by claims 1-55, prior to January 29, 1999.

3. To evidence conception and reduction to practice of the invention of the subject matter of the above-referenced application in the United States, the following attached documents are submitted as evidence:

A. A copy of page 24 of the document "Packaging Technology Development Program," dated September 1998, describing a development schedule associated with developing and testing my invention. (Exhibit A)

B. A copy of pages 1 and 3 of the document "Package Design Group Monthly Report," dated January 29, 1999, describing design, testing, and analysis efforts of my invention. (Exhibit B)

4. I declare that the "LGA-QNL PACKAGE DEVELOPMENT" described on page 24 of "Packaging Technology Development Program," dated September 1998, is directed to my invention.

5. I declare that the "RF-LGA" design, testing, and analysis efforts described on pages 1 and 3 of "Package Design Group Monthly Report," dated January 29, 1999, are directed to my invention.

6. I declare that the "RF-LGA" design, testing, and analysis efforts described on pages 1 and 3 of "Package Design Group Monthly Report," dated January 29, 1999, were completed prior to January 29, 1999.

7. I declare that page 24 of "Packaging Technology Development Program" and pages 1 and 3 of "Package Design Group Monthly Report," attached hereto, evidence conception and reduction to practice of the invention of the subject matter of the above-referenced application in the United States prior to January 29, 1999.

8. Alternatively, page 24 of "Packaging Technology Development Program" and pages 1 and 3 of "Package Design Group Monthly Report," attached hereto, evidence conception of the invention prior to January 29, 1999 and I declare that I exercised due diligence in reducing the invention to practice by, at latest, February 17, 1999 which is the filing date of a parent application Serial No. 09/252,851 (which is in turn the parent of application Serial No. 09/713,834, filed November 15, 2000, from which the present application claims priority).

9. I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine of imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the above-referenced patent application or any patent issuing thereon.

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